

March 25, 2009 Yichun Social Welfare Institute Trip Report

1. General Information:

1. Head of Institute: Deng Weiping
2. Vice Head of Institute: Hu Xianyu
3. Amity Foundation Foster Care Program Coordinator: Chen Qian, who visits foster families about once a month. If she encounters any special circumstances, she will record them in a small notebook.
4. Orphan Population: There are more than 70 children associated with the institute. Of these, 10 receive sponsorship from Altrusa Foundation (through Amity Foundation), and more than 50 children receive sponsorship from the institute itself. More than 10 children live at the institute.
5. Medical Check-up Status: Amity sponsored children return to the institute once a month for checkups.

2. Overall Impression:

1. Institute Update: The Yichun City Yuanzhou District Social Welfare Institute serves a great deal of children, many of whom are very young. As such, the institute works hard to pair these children with very loving and caring foster mothers. Under the care of these exceptional foster mothers, the children do very well, and the foster children bring a great deal of happiness to their families. At present, most of the children associated with the institute are in foster care, but there is a small group of children still living at the institute.

3. Interviews:

1. Amity Grandma Update: Met with 3 Amity Grandmas. The Amity Grandmas, Zou Zhaolian, Peng Xiaolian, and Zhou Jing work together as a team. (Picture 1: Peng Xiaolian, left; Zou Zhaolian, middle; Zhou Jing, right)
 - i. On the day of our visit, Zou Zhaolian was taking care of a young girl named Yi QL. QL is now 7 months old, and is very inactive. Her body is quite weak, and she is developing slower than her peers. She often cries, at which times Zou Zhaolian will hold her, comfort her, and feed her (Picture 2).



Picture 1



Picture 2

- ii. Zhou Jing works on the first floor overseeing the nursery room. Her main responsibilities are looking after the children and providing nursing care for them (Picture 3).
- iii. Peng Xiaolian is responsible for working with the older children. Her main responsibilities are to organize the children's daily activities, and

work on teaching them basic knowledge (Picture 4).



Picture 3



Picture 4

2. Met with 10 children during foster family interviews. See the reports on each individual child for more information on this and their photos.
3. Visited 7 children receiving supplementary milk powder. The children are drinking Feihe milk powder (Picture 5).
 - i. YQY is over 4 months old. Due to disease, his right brain did not develop fully. He has been eating Feihe milk powder since birth, and drinks 150-200 ml every meal. He is now looking much healthier than before, and his foster mother loves him very much (Picture 6).



Picture 5



Picture 6

- ii. YQY has cerebral palsy and is now over 2 years old. He is not able to speak, and his hands are not very flexible. He is also drinking Feihe milk powder, and drinks 240-260 ml three times a day. He is very attached to his foster grandmother, and he always listens to her (Picture 7).
 - iii. YQH is now over 5 months old. When she was first placed into her foster family, she was very thin and weak. She has been drinking Feihe milk ever since entering her foster family, and she has now gained some weight and is healthier than before. She has a good appetite, and drinks 220-260 ml of milk 7-8 times a day (Picture 8).



Picture 7



Picture 8

- iv. YMG is a week-old newborn baby girl. She is now drinking Feihe milk powder, but she often vomits it up. As a result, she is fed 8-9 times a day, and drinks 80-100 ml of milk per sitting. She is a very cute young girl, and falls asleep when she's full. She doesn't cry very often either (Picture 9).
- v. YQZ is now over three months old. She has been drinking Feihe milk powder since birth, and drinks 150 ml of milk 7 times a day. Her body is fairly strong, and she has good use of her limbs. She can focus on adults' conversations and can make some muttering sounds to herself (Picture 10).



Picture 9



Picture 10

- vi. YQY is now over 4 months old. She has also been drinking Feihe milk powder since birth. She has a good appetite, and drinks 150ml of milk 7 times a day. She has quick reactions, and knows when her name is called. She often smiles and laughs when she plays with others. She often makes unintelligible sounds to herself. She has regular bowel movements and sleeps well at night (Picture 11).
- vii. YMH is also a newborn baby girl. She is now drinking Feihe milk powder. She drinks milk once during the day for an hour, and then drinks four small sittings of 50-60ml of milk at night. She cries a lot, and likes to be held (Picture 12).



Picture 9



Picture 10

4. Children Receiving Education Sponsorship:

YDL is now in her first year at the Yichuan Technical Institute. All of the students at the institute study computer science, and Dongli is getting average grades so far. The Technical Institute is located very close to the Social Welfare Institute, so she returns to the Social Welfare Institute every day for meals, and lives there as well. (Picture 11).



Picture 11

5. New Requests:

YQY is now over four months old. At first glance, he seems to be a very healthy young boy, but he is rather sick. Since birth he has been infected with a cytomegalovirus and hepatitis which, along with swelling of his brain, has caused some partial brain damage. Qingyong's hepatitis has already been treated, but he needs medical sponsorship to receive treatment for his brain ailments, which appear curable with an aggressive course of treatment. The cost of this treatment is expected to be rather expensive, so we are applying for medical treatment sponsorship. The total estimated costs for the entire treatment will be around 18,000 RMB (Picture 12 & 13 - his head is sunken on the right side where his brain has not developed completely)



Picture 12



Picture 13